

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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<http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org/>

Newsletter, Jennifer Ali

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## Welcome to March!

### Message from the President:

Spring is coming...spring is coming!!!!

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Update From the Somerset County Library System (abridged):

### All Programs Cancelled Monday, March 16 through Tuesday, March 31 at SCLSNJ in Response to COVID-19

Since our Libraries are a cornerstone of our communities, SCLSNJ is continuing to monitor information shared from County, State, and National health organizations about the coronavirus (COVID-19). The safety of our customers and staff is always our first priority. Beginning Monday, March 16 through Tuesday, March 31, the Library System will be canceling all programs for adults, teens, families, and children. The Library System will continue to evaluate and communicate future plans as information becomes available.

"While there has been no reported community spread of the coronavirus in Somerset County, we are being cautious on behalf of our customers and staff," said County Library Administrator Brian Auger. "We want to do our part to help our health care community manage the situation by reducing opportunities for large groups to congregate."

The Library System will continue to take steps to maintain the health and safety of our customers and staff, by:

- Removing all toys from our youth services departments.
- Ensuring custodial staff focus on cleaning and sanitizing hard surfaces.
- Encouraging staff who are sick to stay at home.

At this time, all 10 branches will maintain standard operating hours. Important to note, these are temporary changes for the time during which there is potential risk of community transmission of COVID-19. The Library System appreciates the support of our community members during this time. (Full notice here:

<https://sclsnj.org/all-programs-cancelled-monday-march-16-through-tuesday-march-31-at-sclsnj-in-response-to-covid-19/> )

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## Upcoming Events

**March 30**

**Cancelled**

Meeting and Demo with Nancy Boney, Bridgewater Library, 7:00 pm

**April 20**

Meeting, Demo: TBA  
Warren Library, 7:00 pm

**May 18**

Meeting, Demo: TBA  
Warren Library, 7:00 pm

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## Important Announcement

Please note the new meeting date for **April** and the change of location to the **Warren** branch of the SCLS.

Meetings and times will be updated as necessary, due to community concerns.

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## Nancy Boney was Our March (Hopefully Next?) Demo Artist!

Nancy will give tips on how to glue collage with matte medium, including how to avoid wrinkles. She will suggest media and tools to spice up your art from crayons to house paint to hand made brushes. She will also demonstrate how to create good design in your paintings informed by her training as a design student in college and recent online classes with Jane Davies.



Nancy's working life has included being Adult Program Director at Reeves Reed Arboretum in Summit. Later she served as Executive Director of the Printmaking Center of New Jersey (now called Frontline Arts) in Branchburg. After retirement she worked at Duke Farms as a tour guide and became a Rutgers trained Master Gardener.

Nancy Boney is currently an artist working in acrylic and collage and exhibits locally. In years past she was a fiber artist creating commissioned works for churches and hospitals.

*(Artwork on previous page also by Nancy Boney)*



### Send Your News!

Are you showing in an exhibit? Will you be teaching a class or workshop? Why not let everyone know and create some buzz? Include a link to more info and maybe a picture too. You can stipulate if you'd like to be mentioned in the Newsletter, on Facebook, or both!

#### Contact Information:

Snail Mail:

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## February Meeting Recap:

**A HUGE thank-you to the members that brought their work to our Member Show-and-Tell!!**

We had nine presenters who shared their art, history, and media/technique tips.

In order of appearance:

Marge McGovern, Bill Gilbert, Lois Westerfield, Christa Holz, Kit Bebbington, Rosemary Zangara, Lori Semak, Ken Bernhard, and Bill Metz.



Topics of note:  
Bill Gilbert showed us work on black watercolor paper, and Bill Metz had some interesting hacks for plein air painting.



**Show-and-Tell continued:**



**Useful Links:**

Art Yard exhibit and learning space, Frenchtown: <https://artyard.org/>

CCA Member's Juried Art Exhibit at Watchung Arts Center: <http://watchungarts.org/>

Frontline Arts, Branchburg: <https://www.frontlinearts.org/>

## Art Events and Opportunities:

**NJEA Art of the Horse:** <http://www.jerilynweber.com> . This is a juried show, no refund application fee if your work is not accepted.

**Handmade Hopewell, a Maker's Street Fair:** <http://www.handmadehopewell.com/> .  
Sunday, May 3, 10:00-4:00.

**The Garden State Watercolor Society** is accepting entries into their annual member exhibition. <http://www.gswcs.com/>

The show will be located at Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church St, Middletown, NJ from May 1 - May 31. Artists may submit up to two pieces, one traditional water media piece, as well as a non-water media piece.

Jurying for awards only. Online registration continues until April 10. Any questions, see Lois Westerfield or Judith Hummer

## Member News:

**The Friends of Bridgewater History** had a progress meeting recently where they viewed works by Jenn Ali, Bill Metz and Diana Patton. The project is ongoing and no date has been set for reception and auction.

**Judith Hummer** was the recipient of the Golden Color Award for the Philadelphia Watercolor Society 2020 Online Member Exhibition.

Her painting is entitled, "Bryant Park", a watercolor on yupo paper. The show can be viewed on their website at <https://pwcs.wildapricot.org/page-1815371> .

## Membership:

**New Member or Renewing?** Follow the link to the Membership Application here:

<http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org/MembershipApplicationform.pdf>

**Thank you for supporting The RVAA!** Member's fees allow us to bring in professional artists to share their expertise at our meetings.

Members are also encouraged to participate in the 2-3 exhibits we have each year, join our bus trip to NYC to be inspired by incredible art, and take advantage of opportunities posted on Facebook and in the newsletter.

Calling All Artists

# JURIED ART SHOW

At the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Mendham Rotary Antique Show-Downstairs  
Mendham High School, 65 E. Main Street, Mendham, NJ 07945



**April 3-5, 2020**

## **Juried Show in Newly Renovated Library-2<sup>nd</sup> floor-Elevator**

2 and 3 dimensional art accepted including paintings in oil, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, and mixed media and ceramics, pottery, Art Glass and metals. Portfolio & Small Works space available. 3 pieces per artist. 1 may be up to 30" wide. Wired and ready to hang, framed or gallery wrapped.

Preview Party, Friday April 3, 6-9pm, **Free to artists**  
Saturday, April 4, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, April 5, 11 am to 4 pm.

**Delivery April 2, Thursday, 12 noon to 7pm**  
**Art Pick up Sunday, April 5, 4-8pm**

**\$30 Entry Fee Enter on [EntryThingy.com](http://EntryThingy.com) Deadline March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**To Benefit the Good Works of the Rotary Club of the Mendhams**  
30% Commission on Sales (501)(c) (3) Fed ID 23-7441891

Curated by Kathleen Palmer at (908) 963-0365  
Or [kathleenpalmerartshows@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenpalmerartshows@gmail.com)  
Call or email with questions



**Kathleen Palmer Judge of Selection and Best of Mendham Award**  
**Gary Godbee, Judge of Best in Show 2-Dimensional \$200**  
**John Reinking, Judge of Best in Show 3-Dimensional \$200**

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**Membership Application**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ART level:**

**Beginner ( ) Intermediate ( ) Advanced ( )**

**Most used medium:**

**Oil ( ), Watercolor ( ), Pencil ( ), Photography ( ), Printmaking ( ),**

**Pastel ( ), Collage ( ), Pen & Ink ( ), Other ( ): \_\_\_\_\_**

**( ) Individual \$35/year**

**( ) Family \$40/year**

**( ) Student (through high school) \$20/year**

**Make check payable to "RVAA" and mail the application with your check to:**

**Susan Boyd**

**437 Washington Avenue**

**Martinsville, NJ 08836**